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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 6 November 2008, time for response to which was set to expire 6 February 2009. The pending claims, claim 1, 13 and 15, were rejected and the rejection was made final.

No amendment to the claims is offered at this time, and the claims are reproduced simply for the convenience of the Examiner. Reconsideration in light of the discussion below is respectfully requested.